

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**August 14, 2007 MINUTES**

**Emergency Resolution:** On Monday, August 13, 2007, the Board of Madison County Commissioners convened for an emergency meeting after being contacted by the Director of Emergency Management who reported a fire in the northeast corner of Madison County, approximately 2 miles northeast of Norris. Lewis Stahl moved to adopt Resolution 20-2007, a resolution declaring an emergency in Madison County. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

On Tuesday, August 14, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners David Schulz, Lewis Stahl, and Jim Hart present.

Lewis Stahl moved to approve the August 7, 2007, minutes with corrections. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Marilee Tucker, Paul Reichert, Peggy Kaatz, Kathleen Mumme, Roger Staley, Frank Ford, Evalyn Johnson, Sam Korsmoe, Pete Brekhus, Barbie Durham, Stephanie Kruer, Jason Davis, Rick Schlenker, Cecil Gevock, Sheri Jarvis, Dave Schenk, Jill Steele, Kacey Smart, Linda Robertson, Donna Gilman, Carmin Hill, Molly Peterson, Karen Miller, Paula McKenzie, Janie Alt, Karen Brown, Margie Edsall, Joanne Erdall, Vicki Tilstra, Lana Atkins, Brandy Hilton, Ralph Hamler, Shelly Burke, and MaryAnn O'Malley.

**Yellowstone Club Golf Course Subdivision Final Plat:** After telephone conversations with both Bob Sumpter, Yellowstone Club, and Anne Cossitt, Cossitt Consulting, Contract Planner, the Board determined that the final plat for Yellowstone Club Golf Course Subdivision was not ready for approval.

**Claims:** The Board approved claims.

**TRMCC & RVH Administrator Position:** Based upon agreement with the Ruby Valley Hospital Board made at a noticed work session on Monday, August 13, 2007, Jim Hart moved to offer the position of Joint Administrator for the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center and the Ruby Valley Hospital to John Semingson with a salary for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 based on \$90,000 annually, 21 days of annual vacation leave, moving expenses not to exceed \$3,000, and other benefits in accordance with Madison County employment practices, beginning 30 days after acceptance of the offer. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Commissioner Schulz stated that it is the desire of both Boards to continue dialog for this position and cooperation in other areas.

**Board Appointment:** Jim Hart moved to appoint Donald G. Loyd to the Madison County Planning Board, to fill the vacancy left by Bill Olson, for the remainder of a two year term that will expire December 31, 2007. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Board Resignation:** Jim Hart moved to accept the resignation of Sofus Christensen from the Laurin Cemetery Board and to advertise the vacancy. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Commissioner Schulz requested that the record show a vacancy on the Cardwell Cemetery Board due to the passing of Doug Shaw.

**Historic Site Plan:** Paul Reichert, Heritage Commission Interim Executive Director, met with the Board with an update on the Historical Site Plan for Virginia City and Nevada City. Paul stated that the Heritage Commission would like the Board of Commissioners to be involved in this process and would eventually like to have the completed plan incorporated with the Madison County Growth Policy.

**Bookkeeping Office Transition:** Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, and Kathleen Mumme, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss a resolution that would separate the Bookkeeping Office from the Clerk and Recorder's Office. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to adopt Resolution 19-2007, a resolution to reclassify the Madison County Bookkeeping Department as the Madison County Finance Department. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The Board will finalize job descriptions for both positions in the new Finance Department.

**Schoolhouse Roof/Carpet Cleaning/Window Washing Bids:** Roger Staley, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss bids for re-roofing the old Schoolhouse in Virginia City and cleaning the carpets and washing the windows in the Courthouse. The Board received two bids for re-roofing the schoolhouse. Lewis Stahl moved to accept the bid from Benedict Builders to re-roof the Virginia City Schoolhouse in the amount of \$37,077.00, being the lowest bid received for the project. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The Board received two bids to clean the carpets in the Courthouse. Jim Hart moved to accept the bid from Gary F. Kinney to clean the carpets in the Courthouse in the amount of \$2120.00, being the lowest bid received for the project. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Jim Hart moved to accept the bid from Gary F. Kinney to wash the windows at the Courthouse in the amount of \$775.00 being the only bid received for this project. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Also discussed was the need to repair or replace the sidewalk at the Panky House.

**Communications Interlocal Agreement:** Frank Ford, Independent Consulting, met with the Board to discuss a draft Interlocal Agreement for the South Central Montana Interoperability Consortium. Jim Hart moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the South Central Montana Interoperability Consortium made and entered into by Sweet Grass, Park, Meagher, Madison, and Gallatin Counties to promote wireless communications interoperability with the Consortium and with such other entities as may be determined to be appropriate. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Crow King RID:** The Board discussed the discrepancy in the number of assessments in Crow King RID.

**Madison Valley Hospital Loan Status:** Sam Korsmoe, Economic Development Council Director, and Pete Brekhus, Madison Valley Hospital Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the non-profit status of the Madison Valley Hospital and whether the hospital is owned by the County, the Hospital District, or if the Madison Valley Hospital is an entity of its self and has the power to borrow money. Sam will address these issues in letter form to the County Attorney and schedule a meeting with the Board and County Attorney.

**Nursing Home Employee Relocation:** Per request from Judy Melin, Madison Valley Manor Administrator, due to the housing shortage and difficulties for persons to relocate to the Madison Valley area, Jim Hart moved to authorize expenditure of up to \$750.00 from the nursing home budget, at the discretion of the Administrator, for relocation assistance for new employees upon acceptance of employment at the Madison Valley Manor and execution of a promissory note that would be repaid if the employee did not continue employment for at least three years. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Grants:** Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, met with the Board to discuss CDBG grant funds.

**Extension Position:** Per letter of request from Steve Siegelin, Western Region Department Head, MSU Extension Services, Jim Hart moved to authorize advertising for the position of Madison-Jefferson Counties Agriculture and 4-H Extension Agent to fill the vacancy left by Cameron Clark's resignation. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Fair Board Manager:** Jim Hart moved to advertise the position of Fair Board Manager to fill the vacancy left by Jann Potter's resignation. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Historic Road Closure:** Stephanie Kruer, Attorney at Law, presented the Board with a letter giving options to correct an error in the legal description of a historical road closure in Ennis. Lewis Stahl moved to support the first recommendation, to pass and adopt a resolution finding that the old county road was closed in its entirety, including the 216' stretch that lies north of the boundary line of the Town of Ennis, by the action of the Board of County Commissioners on June 7, 1955. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Stephanie will draft a resolution for the Board's consideration and forward a copy to all affected land owners.

**Taxable Values:** The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2007 Madison County taxable values on August 6, 2007, from the Department of Revenue.

**September 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** The Board determined that they will not conduct a regular Commission meeting on September 4, 2007.

**Building Project (Law and Justice Center):** Sheri Jarvis, Project Information Coordinator, and Rick Schlenker and Jason Davis, Schlenker and McKittrick Architects, met with the Board to discuss proposed changes to the Law and Justice Center. Cecil Gevock and Paul Reichert, Heritage Commission, and Dave Schenk, Sheriff, were also present for this portion of the meeting. Rick outlined the site and discussed intended use of the property. Cecil will make recommendations for an archeological assessment of the site. Paul stated that the Heritage Commission has passed a motion to allow use of the property if the project is passed.

**Staff Meeting:** Those present for this portion of the meeting were Jill Steeley, Kacey Smart, Linda Robertson, Donna Gilman, Carmin Hill, Molly Peterson, Karen Miller, Paula McKenzie, Janie Alt, Karen Brown, Margie Edsall, Joanne Erdall, Vicki Tilstra, Barbie Durham, Lana Atkins, Brandy Hilton, Ralph Hamler, Shelly Burke, Roger Staley, MaryAnn O'Malley, Marilee Tucker, Kathleen Mumme, Sheri Jarvis, Rick Schlenker, Jason Davis, and Dave Schenk.

- **Telephones and Computers:** David Schulz reminded everyone to consult with Karen Brown for computer and telephone service or accessories.
- **Law and Justice Center Presentation:** Rick Schlenker and Jason Davis presented the staff with the same presentation that will be shown at various locations throughout the County in the weeks leading up to the bond issue election for the Law and Justice Center. Rick outlined the issues that they were originally asked to address and pointed out modifications that were made to the project in response to public input following the last bond election. Rick reviewed the details of the proposed addition to the back of the Courthouse and Jason reviewed the details of proposed new building across the street. Details of a parking lot and lighting alternatives were also discussed. The bond issue will be a mail ballot election with ballots going out on September 18, 2007, and being returned on or before October 9, 2007.
- **Closing Comments:** Commissioner Schulz closed the staff meeting stating that Marilyn Ross has been appointed as the new District 2 Commissioner and will formally begin the position on Wednesday, August 22, 2007; that the position of Joint Administrator for the Ruby Valley Hospital and Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center has been offered to John Semingson and the Board is waiting for his acceptance; that Steve DiGiovanna had been chosen and accepted the position of Communications Coordinator; and that the Board is in the process of interviewing for a Planning Director.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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David Schulz, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: August 21, 2007

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Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County